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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO SADAT

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1. TRIED TO REACH VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK TO CONVEY CONTENTS REF A ALL DAY YESTERDAY (MAY 23) WITHOUT SUCCESS. MUBARAK WAS WITH SADAT AT THE BARRAGES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S MARATHON MEETING WITH PRESS REPORTED REF D. WHEN I REACHED HIM FIRST THING THIS MORNING, MUBARAK SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED MESSAGE DELIVERED MAY 20 (REFS B AND C) WITH SADAT, AND PRESIDENT HAD SOUGHT TO FIND WAY TO MAKE REQUESTED STATEMENT DURING YESTERDAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE BUT NO APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY AROSE. VICE PRESIDENT AGREED THAT ISRAELI DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM LEBANON BY JUNE 13 WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR SADAT TO MAKE REQUESTED STATEMENT, BUT HE REPEATED THAT LATTER HAD ALREADY AGREED HE WOULD SAY SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES PRESIDENT CARTER FELT WOULD BE HELPFUL. MUBARAK SAID PRESIDENT WOULD FIND OPPORTUNITY WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT.

2. COMMENT: SADAT AND MUBARAK SEEM TO HAVE NO PROBLEM SECRET

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WITH SUBSTANCE OF REQUESTED STATEMENT. EMBASSY WILL MONITOR ANY SADAT PRESS STATEMENTS VERY CAREFULLY OVER NEXT FEW DAYS TO WATCH FOR STATEMENT ALONG LINES WE HAVE REQUESTED. AS REPORTED REF D, YESTERDAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WAS NOT MUCH OF A SUCCESS AND WAS ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. TAPE OF SESSION WAS PUT ON TV YESTERDAY EVENING AND CONFIRMED IMPRESSIONS WE HAD RECEIVED FROM

JOURNALISTS WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE. SADAT SEEMED AT TIMES ANGRY, QUERULOUS AND SPOKE ENTIRELY IN ARABIC. IT WAS PROBABLY JUST AS WELL HE DID NOT MAKE REQUESTED STATEMENT IN COURSE OF THIS CONFERENCE, AS IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE LENGTHY RHETORIC ABOUT SUNDAY'S REFERENDUM, AND FOREIGN PRESS CORPS (WHICH WALKED OUT AFTER 1 1/2 HOURS) MIGHT NOT HAVE PICKED IT UP. MATTHEWS

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